

(1) urges the Dalai Lama or his representatives and the Government of the People's Republic of China to begin earnest negotiations, without preconditions, to provide for a mutually agreeable solution that addresses the legitimate grievances of, and provides genuine autonomy for, the Tibetan people;

(2) urges that the talks in October 2008 between the Government of China and the Dalai Lama should focus on the welfare, cultural, political, and religious autonomy of the Tibetan people, and not on the person of the Dalai Lama;

(3) affirms that the human rights of Tibetans and their right to practice religion free of government regulation is not an internal matter of any one country;

(4) urges the President to take a more personal and engaged interest in the successful conclusion of these negotiations, both unilaterally and in coordination with United States allies; and

(5) calls on the United States Government to press the Government of China—

(A) to respect freedom of speech and freedom of association, as required by international law and as enshrined in the Constitution of China and to release those who have committed no crime other than peaceful protest; and

(B) to end the "patriotic education" campaign against lay and clerical Tibetans and allow Tibetans to practice their religion freely.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, September 18; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for

their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; further, that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived with respect to the motions to proceed to S. 3297 and H.R. 6049.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:46 p.m., recessed until Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 10 a.m.